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In re U.S. Patent Application of  
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Examiner: Nathan J. Newhouse

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 4, 2003**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants are grateful to and wish to thank Examiner Newhouse for meeting with Peter Klobuchar to discuss this Application on August 4, 2003.

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003, rejecting Claims 1-7, 9-17, 23-26, 29-44, and 35-38, objecting to Claims 8, 18-22, 27, 28, and 39-43, and allowing Claim 34. This Response is being one month after the shortened statutory period of time for responding to the Office Action; therefore, this Response is accompanied by a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application.

By this Response, Claims 1, 4, 11-13, 23, 24, 31-33, 35, and 40 are amended; Claim 25 is withdrawn without prejudice to reinstate; and Claims 2, 3, 5-10, 14-22, 26-30, 34, 36-39, and 41-43 are original. Thus, Claims 1-24 and 26-43 are at issue.